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SUBJECT:LOS - DELIMITATION

REFS: (A) GENEVA 6196; (B) GENEVA 6208

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORTING OF DISCUSSIONS ON DE-
LIMITATION DEBATE AND YOUR PROPOSED STRATEGY ON THIS ISSUE.
IN GENERAL, WE AGREE THAT U.S. SHOULD MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE
SO LONG AS THAT POSTURE IS CONSISTENT WITH PRECLUDING
CHANGES IN EXISTING ARTICLES 74 AND 83 ADVERSE TO U.S.
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2. GIVEN USUAL DIVISION ON THIS ISSUE, WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY
CLEAR WHY ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS FIND PRESENT TEXT UN-
SATISFACTORY. USG IS FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE TEXT AS IT
STANDS AND WE PRESUME THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHO WISH TO
DEEMPHASIZE EQUIDISTANCE WOULD SUPPORT THIS TEXT,
PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH 1. IN THIS REGARD, WHILE WE LEAVE

TACTICS TO YOUR DISCRETION, WE DO NOT SEE WHY USDEL SHOULD FEEL PRECLUDED FROM MAKING A BRIEF AND BLAND INTERVENTION INDICATING IT CAN SUPPORT THIS TEXT.

3. AS TO POSSIBLE INITIATIVES BY NEGOTIATING GROUP CHAIRMAN, WE INFER THAT THEY WOULD BE AIMED AT OBTAINING MORE SUPPORT FROM PRO EQUIDISTANCE GROUP. IF IN FACT SUCH INITIATIVES ARE INEVITABLE, WE AGREE THAT USG EFFORT SHOULD BE AIMED AT LEAVING PARAGRAPH 1 INTACT. REVISION OF PARAGRAPH 3 AS SUGGESTED REF. A WOULD BE A DEFINITE LOSS TO U.S. IN CONTEXT OF UNRESOLVED DISPUTES WITH CANADA AND BAHAMAS. WHILE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH SUCH A TEXT IF NECESSARY TO OBTAIN GENERAL APPROVAL OF A BROADLY ACCEPTABLE LOS TREATY, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN ICNT TO U.S. DISADVANTAGE ON THIS ISSUE IN THE EVENT CONFERENCE SHOULD PROVE TO BE A FAILURE. OBVIOUSLY, YOU ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO JUDGE THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS AS EVENTS DEVELOP, BUT IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON THIS ISSUE IF THE SOLE OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE IS A REVISED ICNT. VANCE

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